



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
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**Wednesday, June 18, 2014
10:00 AM**

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-2809)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and
Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Susan Burton

Staff present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Jenny Kimbell (14-2812)

Call to Order. (14-2753)

Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a
moment of silence. Commissioner Grills joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the June 11, 2014 Minutes. (14-2754)

**On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Vice Chairperson
Frank S. Bacio, unanimously carried, this item was approved with the
correction to include the names of the staff that were present at the
June 11, 2014 meeting to the attendance list.**

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II. REPORTS

2. Department Representative Reports for June 18, 2014.

Department of Auditor-Controller (AC)
Monthly Report

Department of Mental Health (DMH)
Monthly Report

Internal Services Department (ISD)
Monthly Report

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
Monthly Report

Probation Department (PD)
Monthly Report

Sheriff's Department
Monthly Report (14-2755)

Auditor-Controller (AC)

Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report for the month of May 2014:

18 Total calls

- Youth callers - 14
- Adult callers - 4

23 Calls related to Collaboration Contacts/Referrals/Information:

- DCFS – Social Workers - 4
- Community Care Licensing - 1
- Group Home Providers - 11
- Probation - 2
- Child Protection Hotline - 1
- ILP Ombudsman - 1
- General Information - 3

9 Personal Rights

- Allowance (Allowance) - 1
- Respect - 5
- School/Community/Religious Services - 2
- Work/Job Skills - 1

1 Personal

1 Relationship

6 Other

- CSW Contact (Careprovider)
- Placement (Maryvale)
- Licensing (Dream Home Care)
- Community Passes (Mary's Shelter)
- Shopping (Mary's Shelter)
- Identification Card (Careprovider)

Visits/Outreach – 2 sites

- David & Margaret (Joint visit with Probation Ombudsman)
- Vista Del Mar

Internal Services Department (ISD)

Mr. Brian Lear, Building Crafts Superintendent, (ISD), informed the Commissioners that he had nothing to report.

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

Ms. Zoe Trachetenberg, LCSW, Program Director, DMH, reported that DMH is working on a new project in collaboration with group home providers to provide training on the core practice model. This element of child/family teamwork is to help strengthen the group homes and their administrative staff skills. The training engages the families by requiring them to take part in the children's treatment, planning and discharge processes. DMH is in the process of training staff so that they can provide training to the group home staff.

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Ms. Korliss Robinson, Out of Home Care Management Division, DCFS, reported that during the period of May 1-31, 2014 there were a total of 821 AWOLs and the child abuse hotline received a total of 26 referrals in the following categories:

- General Neglect - 6
- Sexual Abuse - 4
- Physical Abuse - 11
- Severe Neglect - 4
- Emotional Abuse - 1

During the same reporting period there were a total of 19 closed referrals in the following categories:

- General Neglect - 4
- Sexual Abuse - 2
- Physical Abuse - 11
- Emotional Abuse - 2

Ms. Robinson also informed the Commission that the following group homes have been placed on hold:

Starview Group Home (June 13, 2014)
Vista Del Mar (June 4, 2014)

Probation Department (PD)

Ms. Pamela Pease, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Group Home Monitoring and Investigations Unit, Placement Services Bureau, PD, provided the monthly status report of group home AWOLS for the month of May 2014 as follows:

127 AWOLS

- 111 Youth Involved
 - 16 - Repeat Offenders
 - 60 - Remain AWOL
 - 33 - Returned to Group Home
 - 16 - Juvenile Hall
 - 2 - Camp Community Placement

The following referrals were reported for the month of May 2014:

1 Child Abuse Referrals

- 1 Unfounded (Pacific Lodge)

1 Group Home Investigation

Permanency

- 3 potential adoptions
- 6 potential legal guardianships

Ms. Pease also reported that there were no group homes placed on hold during the month of May 2014 and she provided the Commission with a detailed report of the status on group home monitoring, investigations and statistical findings regarding AWOLS.

Mr. Michael Varela, Director of Camp Gonzales, reported that as a follow-up to the report from Vista Del Mar, the Dorothy Kirby Center has prepared spaces that consist of 10 beds in case extra spaces are needed. He also reported that Assistant Chief Don Myer has retired. Mr. Varela further reported that Camp Kirkpatrick is closed and will be resurfacing at Challenger Memorial Youth Center, which will allow space for a football sports program. Mr. Varela concluded his report by informing the Commissioners that the Department of Justice (DOJ) is now in the last phase of the agreement with the PD and the DOJ is reassuring that all kids are receiving cognitive behavior and substance counseling.

Sheriff Department (LASD)

Deputy Dale Gulley, LASD, reported that the East Los Angeles Court upgrade is now complete and the last camera upgrade has also been complete at the Metro Court. During the walkthrough conducted on June 16, 2014, it was discovered that one camera needs to be added to the Sally Port area. Overall, everything has been going well within the court system lockups.

Commissioner Andrews requested Deputy Gulley to follow-up on the letter the Commission sent to Commander Ralph Ornelas and Gregory Sivard, SOA II, back in April regarding the concerns that were raised by the inmates who are enrolled in the Custody Conservation Work Program.

- 3. Chairperson's Report on various items for June 18, 2014. (14-2756)**

Chair Montaña shared a letter of gratitude from the Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Courthouse, thanking the Commissioners for their recent inspection.

Chairperson Montaña also shared the following Newspaper Articles:

Los Angeles Times:

- Will the Supervisors Let Go? (June 12, 2014)**
- Baca Stepped in, Says Deputy (June 14, 2014)**

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- 4. Treasurer's Report for June 18, 2014. (14-2757)**

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,149.61.

- 5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative**

Reports for June 18, 2014. (14-2758)

Staff reported that the SBC Scholarship presentation originally scheduled for July 1, 2014 with the Board of Supervisors has been postponed to a future date. Additionally, staff distributed a revised copy of the 2014 group home directory.

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on June 18, 2014. (14-2759)

There was no report presented.

7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from June 12, 2014 to June 17, 2014. (14-2760)

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:

- **Santa Clarita Sheriff Station (Santa Clarita, CA) on June 16, 2014.**
- **Turmont Home for Boys (Turmont Street, Carson, CA) on June 17, 2014.**

Commissioner Bigby visited:

- **Rosemary Children's Services (Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, CA) on June 13, 2014 and reported the following:**
 - **Bedroom 1B needs new mattress**
 - **Bedrooms 3 & 4 needs new carpet**
 - **Bathroom 3 toilet needs repair**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-2761)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-2763)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

- 10.** Adjournment for the meeting of June 18, 2014. (14-2764)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of June 18, 2014 at 11:22 a.m.